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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroshi AKAMIZU, et al.

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FOR: HIGH-STRENGTH STEEL SHEET HAVING EXCELLENT WORKABILITY AND PRODUCTION PROCESS  
THEREFOR

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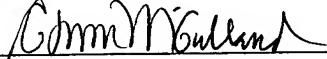
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AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY****Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:**

1. Japanese Pat. JP-A-2-97620 (1990)

explained in the specification

PURPOSE:To obtain the title low-carbon high-strength steel sheet having excellent workability by hot-rolling a steel having specified contents of C, Si, Mn, Ni, Al, and Fe, then cold-rolling, heat-treating, and cooling the steel under specified conditions.

CONSTITUTION:A steel contg. 0.07-0.30wt.% C, 0.30-1.50wt.% Si, 0.20-2.00wt.% Mn, 1.00-6.00wt.% Ni, 0.005-0.100wt.% SolAl, &lt;=1wt.% of &gt;=1 kind among Cu, Co, and Cr as required, the balance Fe, and inevitable impurities is hot-rolled. The hot-rolled steel sheet is pickled, and then cold-rolled at 35-80% draft. The cold-rolled steel sheet is then heated to a two-phase coexistent temp. region at 600-800 deg.C, and kept at that temp. for 15sec to 5 min. The steel sheet is then cooled to 250-500 deg.C at a rate of 1-200 deg.C/sec, and kept at that temp. for 5sec to 10min. The cooling is preferably carried out at a rate of 1-20 deg.C/sec to 550-700 deg.C, and then at a rate of 25-200 deg.C/sec. The steel sheet is subsequently cooled to &lt;=150 deg.C for &lt;=30sec. As a result, a high-strength steel sheet having excellent workability is obtained.

**Reference AP on Form PTO-1449:**

2. Japanese Pat. JP-A-5-255799 (1993)

explained in the specification

PURPOSE:To manufacture a hot dip plated high strength steel sheet having excellent workability by prescribing the specified componental compsn., micro structure and workability and providing the surface plated layer.

CONSTITUTION:This steel is constituted of, by weight, 0.05 to 0.20% C, 0.1 to 3% Si, 0.5 to 3% Mn, &lt;=0.01% S, 0.005 to 0.1% Al and Fe as essential components. As for the micro structure of the steel sheet, it contains no worked ferrite and pearlite and contains one or &gt;= two kinds among bainite, martensite and retained austenite. As workability, it has TSXT.EI&gt;18000 (MPa.%) and TS&gt;440 (MPa). A plated layer or an alloying plated layer is formed on the surface of the steel sheet. The peeling condition of the plating after working is evaluated by a drop weight type DUPONT impact testing machine shown in figure. In this way, its high strength and rust prevention can be satisfied.

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